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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
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Sir:

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New claims 9-12 are patentable for the reasons set out below, and are supported at specification page 5, lines 8-11 and in Fig. 2. The amendment to claims 1 and 5 is supported at page 5, line 10.

The amended claims will replace all earlier versions.

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